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Up & Coming March/April 2019

Art & Exhibitions

Winners Announced: Annual Hoyt Regional

The annual Hoyt Regional Juried Art Competition will open in the Main Galleries on April 2. More than 447 works were submitted by 147 artists this year. Seventy five works were chosen by juror, Kurt Shaw, a noted Pittsburgh Art Critic. An Awards Reception will be held on Saturday, April 6, 2-4 pm. The exhibit runs through May 30. Congratulations to the following:

1st place: "Koi", oil by David Warner, Meadeville, PA 2nd place: "Budding Chestnuts", collage, Maggy Aston, Greensboro, PA 3rd place: "In Defense of Intellectual Luxury", cast iron & brass, Dylan Collins, Morgantown, WV

Merit Awards:

- "Aleppo (Syria)", oil on shaped canvas, Mark Weleski, Natrona Hts, PA
- "Redsylvania Series#4", acrylic, Jane Davis, Erie, PA
- "Crazy Elephant", acrylic, George Kocar, Bay Village, OH
- "Untitled #3320", photograph, Scott Tommaro, New Castle, PA
- "Finally", acrylic & mixed media, Terry Polonsky, Sharon, PA
- "Street Corner Gumbo", ink on paper, Larry Brandstetter, Monroeville, PA

Artist Member Spotlight

Elise McKeown Skolnick



Elise McKeown Skolnick was only 10, when she received her first camera. She's been making photos ever since. She finds inspiration in nature and geometric shapes, and often uses photo editing software to bring out what attracted her to her subject. As a portrait photographer, her portraits strive to show the personality of the individual. Elise's work has been accepted in national and local shows, including the Butler Museum of Art's Annual Area Artists Juried Show, the YWCA's Annual Women's Artists: A Celebration! Juried

show, and Emerald Art Center's (Springfield, Oregon) Juried Photography Show and has earned several awards. To view Elise's work, visit elisemckeownskolnick.com.

Schedule of Events

March

- 9 Deadline: Poetry Competition Empty Bowls Glazing Workshop
- 16 Art's Club Empty Bowls Glazing Workshop
- 30 Creative Play

April

- 2 Spring Classes Start
- 4 Concert Series: Kaplan Duo
- 6 Public Reception: Hoyt Regional
- 11 Artist Member Social: Gallery Tour
- 13 Art's Club
- 27 Creative Play
 Spring Open House
 Poetry Competition Awards

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- 18 Wine Festival Art's Club
- 25 Creative Play

Upcoming Exhibitions

At The Hoyt



1st place: "Koi", oil by David Warner

April 2- May 30, 2019 Main Galleries: Annual Hoyt Regional Juried Art Show. Walkway: New Castle Camera Club Public Reception: April 6, 2-4 pm

At The Confluence

March 28- May 23, 2019: Annual Lawrence County Student Show Public Reception: March 28, 5-7 pm

Education & Classes

New Instructor: Rachel Fee

Graphic Designer, Rachel Fee, is the latest instructor to join the Hoyt's teaching roster with a new selection of workshops for both artists and entrepreneurs. You can learn the basics of promoting your art or your business in the one-day workshop, Marketing Your Small Business, on April 6. Or learn to enhance your design skills with a four-week class in Adobe Photoshop or InDesign. Rachel has a degree from the Art Institute of Pittsburgh and 14 years of design experience in print and web media. She has been an Adjunct Professor at Thiel University and the Butler Community College. For a full schedule of classes and workshops, visit www.hoytartcenter.org/class.

Poetry Competition: Deadline March 9

The Hoyt is hosting a poetry competition for teens (grades 9-12) and adults (ages 18+) this winter. The deadline for entries is March 9. An awards ceremony will be held on April 27 from 4-6 pm, following the Spring Open House. For guidelines and an entry form, visit www.hoytartcenter.org.

After School Arts

Registration for the After School Arts program continues through April 11. Classes meet Tuesday-Thursday, 4-5:30 pm. Doors open at 3 pm for homework and snacks. Upcoming topics include:

MARCH 5-14: Sham-rocks

Projects will celebrate Irish Heritage in honor of St. Patrick's Day and Cinco de Marcho.

MARCH 19-28: March Madness

Explore bizarre & unusual art forms with Mr. Bob, ranging from Surrealism and DaDa to Fauvism and Dazzle Camoflauge.

APRIL 2-11: The Art of Baseball

Take a swing at baseball inspired projects such as bobble heads and trading cards.

Creative Play

Ages 3-7 are invited to learn through play with free monthly projects exploring science, technology, art, math and engineering! Create Suncatchers on March 30 or participate in the Earthday Cardboard Challenge on April 27. All materials provided. Pre-registration is required. Register on-line at www. hoytartcenter.org or call 724.652.2882.

For Members

Artist's Social: McNickle Studio Tour

The next Artist's Social will take place at the studio of noted painter, Thomas G. McNickle, on April 11, 6-8 pm. McNickle will share his experience building a successful art career. Participation is exclusive to artist members. Space is limited and food and drink will be provided. Please pre-register by calling 724.652.2882.

Events

Free Empty Bowls Workshops

Contribute to the annual Empty Bowls Dinner by participating in one of two free glazing workshops, March 9 & 16. The dinner will be held at the New Castle Jr/Sr High School on April 7 to benefit The Children's Summer Food Program which provides meals and activities for more than 2000 students each summer. Workshops meet on the hour. Space is limited. Registration is required. All bowls will be contributed to the event. Call 724.652.2882.

Annual Wine Festival

The Hoyt's 18th Annual Wine Festival will celebrate Las Fiestas de Primavera with a selection of Spanish wines and tapas on Saturday, May 18, 2019. Indulge in the company of friends, or take home a bit of the experience with a pull from the wine tree. This elegant fundraiser supports many of the free outreach activities the art center offers throughout the year including the Children's Summer Art Festival, Creative Play, After School Arts, and our new Traveling Art Studio. The wine list includes:



2017 Martin Codax Albarino

2016 Alto Moncayo

2016 Ribera Del Duero Cinco Elementos

2016 Anima Negra AN/2 VdIT Illes Balears

2015 Frank Family Zinfandel

2015 Markham Merlot

2015 Cakebread Cellars Chardonnay

2009 Conchay Toro Don Melcher

To view the menu or purchase tickets, visit www.hoytartcenter. ora/winefestival.

Spring Open House

"Try Me!" at the Spring Open House on April 27, 11-4! The free annual event provides visitors the a unique opportunity to explore what one can see, learn and do at the Hoyt over the summer. Children can get a taste of Children's Summer Art Camp with interactive activities; adults can participate in interactive demos of upcoming workshops and classes; and artists can learn how to present and promote their work. For a full schedule of activities, visit www.hoytartcenter.org.

Music Series: The Kaplan Duo

The Kaplan Duo returns to the Hoyt on Thursday, April 4 at 7 pm for the final concert in the 2018-19 Music Series. Comprised of sisters Nanette Kaplan Solomon and Iris Kaplan Rosenthal, the pair will perform a four-handed concert of classical standards and new compositions on piano. The duo has appeared on numerous stages along the East Coast, as well as in Washington, New York, and Puerto Rico. Tickets are available online at www.hoytartcenter.org/musicseries.



See. Learn. Do

Our mission: "To expand and enrich the life of the community through participation in the arts."